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ISION AT SAN JOSE

One of the most courageous and far-eeing actions of a church that the ditor of The Pacific has seen is the urchase of 3.6 acres of land for a ew church by an older church that as no intention of moving. San Jose, irst Church, with its pastor, Rev. tephen C. Peabody, has been watch-ng with interest the tremendous rowth of the city in several directions. t one time there was the hope that ew churches might be started east, outh and west of the city, and alloca-ions were secured for two of these reas. Later on it was decided to oncentrate in one locality, the very estern area of the newly enlarged ity and including the very southerly art of the city of Santa Clara, not far rom the so-called Kaiser Tract. Prune rchards are disappearing one by one, eing replaced by new suburbs of at-ractive dwellings.

The First Church is taking $12,000 o pay for the property from a fund hich it accumulated during the past everal years to be used when the hurch is ready to develop a strong orward movement. The assistance of he Conference and the Board of Home Missions is being sought for he development of this new area, but he church was unwilling to wait until ecision could be made for fear suit-ble property would not be available. t is strongly hoped that the area will e designated as "high potential," and hat a three-way cooperative program nay be developed for the beginning f a church and church school at the arliest possible moment.

On Sunday, September 16, the San ose Church will have an all-day meet-ng and picnic near Big Basin, to hear reports of the special committee cov-ering a study of the prospects and program for the First Church itself.

WE CELEBRATE

The centennial of The Pacific—how should it be celebrated? By pictures and articles setting forth something of 100 years of history. In this issue that has been done.

More important is to show progress in the march of the church. Read in these columns the stories of new build-ings at Ocean View and Forest Hill in San Francisco, at Mira Vista in El Cerrito and Hillcrest in Pleasant Hill, at Berkeley Arlington and Orinda and Sierra Arden and Fresno First. Note the account of the new church at Sky-land being organized. Take particular notice of two people being ordained to the Christian ministry. Think about the 700 youth that have had the inspiration of our camps at Caza-dero. Do not forget the activity of the Federation of Congregational Women. Scan the lists of the giving of our churches to Our Christian World Mission. Read it all, every inch of every column, and thank God for the vitality and Christian devotion that is herein set forth.

And what about sending in a big club of subscriptions? Ten issues in a year for 25 cents.

Dedication Sunday of the new Pilgrim Congregational Community Church of San Francisco (formerly Ocean View). There was room in The Pacific for only one picture and Rev. Karl Olson selected this as the best of those available. Our people should drive past the corner of Ramsdell and Randolph Streets and see the commodious and attractive exterior.

HAIL, SKYLAND

A brand new church is preparing itself, hoping to be received into our Congregational fellowship. The Post Office address is Los Gatos, but the people forming this church are on the very top of the Santa Cruz Mountains, part of them living in Santa Clara and part in Santa Cruz Counties. Many years ago there was a Presbyterian church, and more recently an inde-pendent Sunday School. Rev. T. Davis Preston of Soquel has given the area some assitance, but recently the people organized as a church adopting a con-stitution and have applied to the Santa Clara Association for recognition. Rev. Ed Cunningham, chairman of the Con-ference Committee on Church Exten-sion, has been giving guidance, and Rev. Elmer Anderson of Capitola, who has been holding services twice a month, has lent encouragement and has rendered splendid service.

There is an old church property, which has been repaired, the title to which stands in the community. There are some 450 registered voters in the area, nearly all of whom are non-Catholic. There is an active grange and a splendid community spirit. The church will undoubtedly have about 35 members at time of its reception.

The Santa Clara Association plans to hold its annual meeting at Skyland on Sunday afternoon and evening, October 7, one of the principal parts of the program being the examination of the church and, if found acceptable, its recognition.

N. CALIFORNIA AT THE FOREFRONT

Northern California leads all Congregational Conferences in the nation—well, almost! At least, that's what certain statistics say. Rev. Ira Black, director of the Department of City Work for the Board of Home Missions, has worked out a set of figures showing the trend in church membership and church school enrollment from the year 1940 to 1950. Our gain in membership was 42.1% in the 10 years. The only Conference to exceed us is Florida with 59.5%, but with a total membership of less than one-fourth of that affiliated with our churches; and in church school enrollment we surpass that state, having a gain of 39.4% to Florida's 35.1%.

Southern California and the Southwest has a very healthy gain; but when adjustments are made in the figures on account of the inclusion of the Southwest Conference during the decade, our sister Conference has gained in membership 35% and in church school enrollment, 23.8%. Oregon on the north of us has done well with the gain of 36.5% in membership and 33.6% in church school enrollment.

The figures for the country as a whole show a gain of church membership in the 10 years of 15.9%, while enrollment in church school shows a loss of 4.3%. All of these figures and many more show truly that this coastal area is the growing edge of Congregationalism, and we have a right to take some satisfaction in the results obtained.

The other side of the picture is not so bright and should give us pause and lead us to penitence. While the growth in membership in Northern California is 41.2%, and in Southern California and the Southwest 35%, the gain in California's population in the same period was 53.3%; and while the gain in our church membership through the United States is 15.9%, the gain in population was 14.5%. In other words, throughout the country, Congrega-tionalism is gaining a wee bit faster than the population, but with the great influx we have had in California, we have fallen somewhat behind.

A NEW PILGRIM

It used to be Ocean View. At times it has been called the Park Mer-ced Community Church, but now it is to be known as the Pilgrim Congre-gational Community Church of San Francisco. With the adoption of the new name and with the dedication and occupancy of its new building, the Church has certainly entered into an era of enlarged success and usefulness.

On Sunday, August 5, the beautiful and commodious building was dedi-cated, a half mile west of the old site. Following Rev. Karl E. Olson, the dynamic and greatly beloved pastor, who carried the Church Bible, the entire congregation and Sunday School marched in a huge procession from the old building, where a farewell service had been held, to the new. Supt. Harley H. Gill preached the dedication sermon. In the afternoon Rev. Wil-liam E. McCormack, president of the Board of Home Missions, which has helped so gallantly, preached at a fel-lowship service, which was followed by an inspection of the build, and refreshments.

The erection of this building is notable in that something like 4,000 hours of volunteer work was con-tributed by members and friends. With the very great help of the contractor, Mr. William Rosenbaum, and the architect, Mr. Scott Haymond, costs were held to a minimum, the total being something like $48,000 for a structure that certainly would have cost under usual methods $10,000 or $15,000 more. It is a building in which the Church, the people of the community, and our whole Congre-gational fellowship can take pride.

A great deal of credit should go to two former pastors, Rev. G. A. Char-nock, now deceased, who kept agitat-ing for it in season and out of season over a period of years and succeeded in arousing the interest of sister churches, and Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, now at Cloverdale, who put in two and a half years of very hard and effective work but stepped aside be-cause of temporary impairment of health. Mr. Bennett is greatly beloved in the community.

With the increase in population and the new location so convenient thereto and the leadership which Mr. Olson is giving, the influence of Pilgrim Church, San Francisco, will be felt throughout the whole southwest sec-tion of the city.

PILGRIM SERIES EXHIBITS

The educational department of the Conference has arranged for two show-ings of Pilgrim Series materials, one in the East Bay at North Church, Berkeley, on Wednesday, September 19, and one for the West Bay at San Mateo on Thursday, September 20. Every teacher in our church schools using Pilgrim series should be on hand. Those of the East Bay please inform Mrs. Williston Wirt, 855 The Ala-meda, Berkeley, and those in the West Bay, Mrs. Charles Recknagel, 225 Tilton Avenue, San Mateo.

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1951 AHEAD

The first seven months of 1951 show an encouraging trend in the receipt of gifts for Our Christian World Mission from the churches. Will treasurers, ministers, and interested lay persons study the following figures and then do what seems necessary to bring up to date all remittances?

	Jan. 11 to July 31,'50	Jan. 11 to July 31,'51
Alameda	$ 510.70	$ 738.27
Alturas	73.81	149.19
Angels Camp	68.41	50.00
Antioch	276.95	268.29
Auburn	100.00	100.00
Benicia	26.00	95.00
Berkeley, Arlington	479.86	543.91
Chinese	25.07	14.50
First	6,065.22	6,617.28
North	812.45	861.70
Northbrae	400.00	400.00
South	490.04	567.04
Biola	46.08	49.92
Campbell	509.90	689.15
Cedarville	32.10	48.70
Cloverdale	73.70	——
Cotati	50.01	39.11
Crockett	91.40	92.91
Dinuba	1.00	1.00
Eagleville	31.57	74.03
Elk Grove	67.14	177.11
El Cerrito, Mira Vista	——	25.00
Etna	49.33	89.75
Eureka	767.24	686.21
Fairfax	190.80	145.05
Ferndale	252.83	102.80
Fresno, First	2,068.09	1,814.59
Free Cross	323.84	——
Japanese	61.25	47.50
Pilgrim Armen.	——	250.00
Zion	10.00	69.60
Glen Ellen	99.50	60.75
Guerneville	221.09	120.10
Hayward	1,447.38	1,029.85
Kenwood	44.22	27.17
La Selva Beach	——	53.00
Lodi, Ebenezer	96.52	——
First	1,818.14	1,672.84
Loleta	20.41	18.85
Loomis	——	33.75
Martinez	1,163.62	1,240.82
Modesto	88.67	31.58
Murphys	5.00	——
Niles	24.30	13.57
Oakland, First	3,171.27	3,550.00
Fruitvale	——	35.00
Japanese	——	12.00
New Pilgrim	278.53	331.96
Plymouth	1,183.89	1,399.71
Orinda	410.98	416.64
Oroville	250.00	362.42
Pacific Grove	75.84	——
Palo Alto	2,325.50	3,259.65
Paradise	435.60	495.00
Parlier	15.00	——
Penngrove	99.55	5.95
Pescadero	26.45	——
Petaluma	500.00	404.59
Pittsburg	273.37	247.86
Pleasant Hill, Hillcrest	——	223.14
Port Chicago	5.00	30.69
Porterville	1,400.00	1,500.00
Redwood City	674.94	911.49
Rio Vista	50.00	100.00
Ripon	183.34	227.06
Sacramento, First	1,688.00	2,379.00
Sierra Arden	137.25	150.00
Salida	31.25	19.25
San Carlos	970.00	1,165.00
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss. Pk.	68.15	66.00
Calvary Armen.	——	50.00
Chinese	26.50	13.83
First	1,266.57	1,437.72
Park Presidio	550.86	394.62
Pilgrim	100.00	61.53
St. John's	——	52.33
Sanger	54.36	72.32
San Jose	1,226.67	1,219.99
San Leandro	121.83	149.47
San Lorenzo	17.69	——
San Mateo	3,050.00	3,050.00
San Rafael	52.15	222.89
Santa Cruz	803.09	707.46
Santa Rosa	222.24	171.33
Saratoga	475.17	376.54
Sebastopol	352.40	279.99
Sonoma	190.67	267.57
Soquel	111.15	70.09
Stockton	821.52	919.40
Suisun	65.00	67.10
Sunnyvale	73.70	43.95
Sunol	106.54	164.90
Tulare	973.00	729.00
Weaverville	100.00	117.00
Woodside	94.35	201.00
Reno, Nevada	439.40	331.28
Pilgrim Fellowship	1,605.84	2,170.84
Miscellaneous	215.00	280.00
	$46,353.25	$50,024.45

LAYMEN'S RETREAT

The Laymen's Fellowship of Northern California, Mr. Herbert W. Hilker, president, is sponsoring another annual retreat for laymen. It will be held at Cazadero, Saturday and Sunday, September 22 and 23. Chief speaker and leader will be Mr. Walter A. Graham of Pembroke, Kentucky, national director of laymen's work for the Congregational Christian fellowship. Mr. Graham was present a year ago for a retreat and his coming will be welcomed, not only by those who were present but others who did not have that privilege.

The opening address will be delivered by Rev. William E. McCormack, pastor of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco. There will be discussion groups on Saturday afternoon, and the sermon on Sunday morning will be delivered by Senator Herbert C. Jones, of San Jose. Members of the Conference staff will be present and participating. Total cost will be $5.00, beginning with dinner Saturday noon and closing with dinner Sunday noon. Each person coming should bring blankets and towels. For the first time the swimming pool will be available for a laymen's meeting.

Mr. Graham will be in our area the week preceding. He will meet with laymen or men's clubs: Monday evening, September 17, at Palo Alto; Tuesday evening, the 18th, at San Mateo; Wednesday evening, the 19th, at Hayward; Thursday evening, the 20th, at Redwood City; and Friday evening, the 21st, at San Lorenzo. President Hilker will accompany him. Laymen of these different areas should make reservations with their own churches and should take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

Boone to Clarksburg

The Clarksburg Community Church cannot be listed as belonging to our fellowship. It is a local, independent church that for 25 years has had a succession of Methodist ministers. A few months ago the church decided to canvass other denominations to see whether or not a minister could be found from another fellowship. After interviewing a dozen or more denominational representatives, it was decided to ask for a Congregational minister. Rev. Amos R. Boone of Lodi was introduced to the Clarksburg church, which has resulted in an enthusiastic call. He began work on September first.

The Clarksburg people expect to cooperate with us in our youth program and probably in other activities. It is our hope and desire that they will find a satisfactory relationship, and that we may be of fruitful assistance to them. We certainly wish for our good friend, Dr. Boone, the greatest happiness and success in his ministry and we are glad we are not losing him from our Conference.

Lynda Blake Coming

Congregationalists of Northern California are delighted with the news that Mrs. Everett Blake (Lynda Goodsell) is to be the visiting speaker for our fall Asociations. Mr. and Mrs. Blake are the missionaries of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. Mrs. Blake is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Field Goodsell and granddaughter of the late Rev. Dennis Goodsell and Mrs. Abby M. F. Goodsell, who is still a beloved mother in Christ among us.

Mrs. Blake will be remembered by people all over our Conference as visiting speaker in 1945, when instead of bringing the churches together for an annual meeting of the Conference, the Conference went to the churches. For a solid month she was speaking all over our area. While Mrs. Blake is with us in Northern California, her husband, Mr. Blake, will be with our sister Conference in the South. In another column will appear the tentative schedule of Association dates.

Cazadero Summer

"Bigger and better than ever"—so the 6th camping season at Cazadero may be characterized. Over 400 high school students, 155 junior highs, 65 juniors, and 35 family groups shared in the experiment of Christian living at Cazadero. They played, sang, ate, laughed, and swam (in the new pool) together. But the joys they shared were not limited to the dining area or the swimming pool. They listened to stirring tales of the Christian church at work in all parts of the world—in old Mexico from Larry Stanton, in India from Edith Preusse, in Japan from Sumio Ogata, in the Near East from Pepronia Merjanian. They sat under the devoted guidance of ministers and lay people from our Conference, studying the Bible, other world religions, the history of the church, the fundamental truths of the faith, the social impact of Christianity, and even, in one instance, camp life etiquette. They came into the presence of God at Morning Watch, in vesper hours, in Friendship Circle, and in the high moments of communion in the Bowl.

This year, the entire operation of the camp was lifted to a new level under the direction of J. T. Aungst, Jr., who served as summer administrator. Mr. Aungst was aided by Louis Hough, assistant administrator; Myron Alexander, maintenance superintendent; Ivy Alexander, chief cook; and a volunteer crew of assistant cooks and young people on the camp staff.

Lasting friendships, inspiration from counsellors and leaders, power for living in a difficult world, a new sense of direction and dedication — these make up the gift which came to those who spent a week at Cazadero this summer.

Family Camps

Family camps at Cazadero reached a new high this year under the capable direction of the Rev. James Senter, of Eureka, and the Rev. Lawrence Granger, of Angels Camp. With the children cared for in class groups in the morning, parents had the opportunity to extend their own horizons in classes with family counsellors and world leaders of the church. Mrs. James Hazlett, of San Mateo, added to the value of both family camps by providing swimming instruction for all campers, from toddlers to adults. One of the most interesting features of each camp was the "Cazadero Bull Session" from which there emerged many helpful ideas for the Camp Commission and for the Family Life Committee.

Mrs. Gans Ordained

On the afternoon and evening of June 26, a vicinage council was convened in the First Church, Petaluma, for the examination and ordination of Mrs. Eleanor E. Gans, wife of Rev. Herbert C. Gans. The examination of Mrs. Gans was not only regarded as satisfactory by the council, but all were impressed by her preparation not only of mind, but heart. She had held license to preach for a number of years in this state and previously in Ohio. Superintendent Harley H. Gill served as moderator. Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, of Cloverdale, offered the invocation. The scripture was read by Rev. William E. Welch, of Santa Rosa. The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop, of Pacific School of Religion. Rev. Frank E. Carlson, of Guerneville, offered the prayer of ordination. Rev. Laude W. Hays, of Penngrove, extended the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Herbert C. Gans gave the charge to the candidate, doing it in a beautifully effective and sympathetic manner. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, of Martinez, gave the charge to the people. Mrs. Gans is heartily welcomed into the fellowship of our ministers.

Pool Dedicated

The long-awaited Cazadero swimming pool was dedicated on Monday, September 3 (Labor Day). While the pool has been in use throughout this summer camping season and while there yet remains some work to be done (a shower house, a filter house, and a concrete sundeck), the formal dedication gave it official status as the "William W. Meyer Pool," in honor of Wim Meyer, former Director of Christian Education for the Conference, whose untiring efforts and selfless devotion are in a large measure responsible for the pool.

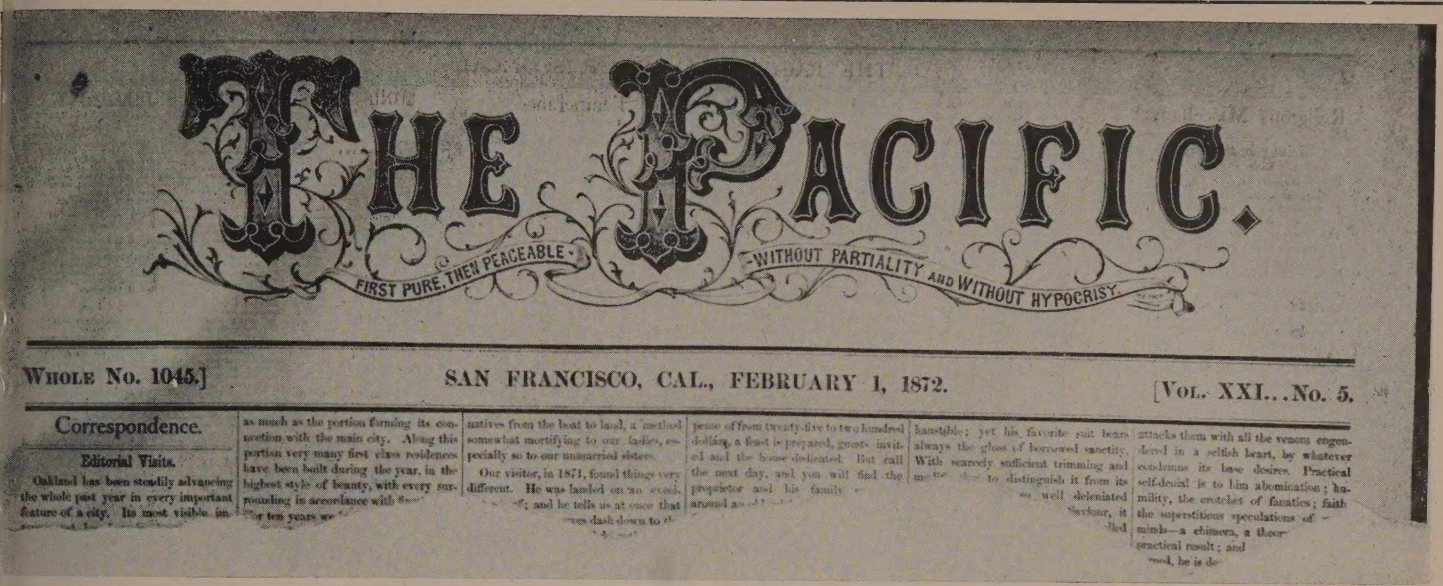
The brief ceremonies of dedication also honored all the young people and adults of the Conference who have spent so many hours of labor in making the dream of a pool a reality. Mr. L. T. Gray, First Church, Berkeley, chairman of the Cazadero Commission, presided at the dedication, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill offered the prayer of dedication. An aquacade and a chance to use the pool followed.

CAZADERO COMMITTEES

The Cazadero Commission, at a recent meeting at Congregational Cazadero, voted to set up a series of advisory committees to assist in the work of administering the camp. The following committees, with members of the Commission as chairmen, were designated: Swimming Pool, Mr. L. T. Gray; Light, Power, Telephone, Mr. Clifford Poe; New Construction, Mr. Scott Haymond; Operations, Mr. James Hazlett; Finance, Mr. Hewitt Kendall; Landscape, Mrs. Myrtle Looser; Trails, Mr. Louis Hough; Roads and Bridges, Mr. William Reiff; Publicity, Rev. Hendrik Martynse. The Commission would be glad to know of men and women in the Conference interested in serving on these committees.

BARRON PARK

At the August meeting of the Comity Commission of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches, an allocation was granted to the Congregational Conference for Barron Park, near Palo Alto. Under the leadership of Rev. W. H. L. Marshall and with the assistance of Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, a group of visitors was enlisted and a house to house canvass made, the results to be presented to the Conference Committee on Church Extension.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Correspondence.

Editorial Visits.

Oakland has been steadily advancing the whole past year in every important feature of a city. Its most visible im- as much as the portion forming its connection with the main city. Along this portion very many first class residences have been built during the year, in the highest style of beauty, with every surrounding in accordance with them or ten years ago

natives from the boat to land, a method somewhat mortifying to our ladies, especially so to our unmarried sisters.

Our visitor, in 1871, found things very different. He was landed on an excel- ; and he tells us at once that ves dash down to th

pense of from twenty-five to two hundred dollars, a feast is prepared, guests invited and the house dedicated. But call the next day, and you will find the proprietor and his family around as

hausible; yet his favorite suit bears always the gloss of borrowed sanctity. With scarcely sufficient trimming and me to distinguish it from its well deleniated Saviour, it filled

attacks them with all the venom engendered in a selfish heart, by whatever condemns its base desires. Practical self-denial is to him abomination; humility, the cricket of fanatics; faith the superstitious speculations of minds—a chimera, a theor- practical result; and med, he is de-

In the course of its history The Pacific has presented its name in many types and forms but none more elaborate or interesting than the above, which is being used in this anniversary edition as the title to the special anniversary supplement. It is interesting to note that the motto which appeared on the first issue continued. In fact, it did not disappear until the issue of April 9, 1903. Would our readers like to see it revived?

100 YEARS OF EDITORS

To list all of those who've had a hand in the editing of The Pacific would be impossible. For long years no name appeared as holding that office, but so many names appeared, many of whom so long forgotten, that there would be no particular value in mentioning them. But the following cannot be omitted:

Rev. J. W. Douglas, who was listed as the proprietor and one of the editors at the very beginning and whose name appeared alone at the end of the first year, was the pastor of what later became the First Presbyterian Church of San Jose. He had arrived in California in February, 1849, but evidently gave up The Pacific on January 12, 1855, and left to return to the East in May of that year.

The name of Rev. Isaac H. Brayton then appeared as editor, and he was assisted by Rev. S. V. Blakeslee. Mr. Blakeslee evidently was one of the mainstays in the perpetuation of the paper. For more than 20 years he was traveling representative, serving as a correspondent and associate editor.

In 1858 Rev. James H. Warren came to the front. Dr. Warren, as Pacific readers know, was one of the early pastors, becoming editor of The Pacific on November 18, 1858, and continuing through October 23, 1862. In 1864 he was made the Home Missionary superintendent, which office he held until 1891.

Off and on through the years appear the names of Joseph A. Benton, W. C. Anderson, E. V. Walsworth, Rev. George Mooar, W. C. Bartlett, E. C. Bissell, and then for 18 years S. S. Smith, a layman of San Francisco, and Rev. John Kimball. In January, 1897, Rev. J. A. Cruzan was listed as the managing editor; but by August of that year it seems that his expectations had not been realized, and he accepted a call to the North Berkeley Church. It was then that Rev. W. W. Ferrier came into the picture.

The paper was turned over to the Conference at the end of 1919 under the editorship of E. Clarence Oakley, who continued until the December issue of 1923.

In the March issue of 1924, it was announced that all mail should be sent to Superintendent W. J. Minchin, who began as editor in April when the paper changed to approximately the present size. Dr. Minchin continued to and including the December issue of 1929 when his farewell was published, although in that issue there were 7 articles bearing the initials of HHG.

The present editor took over with the January, 1930 issue, the same time he became superintendent of the Conference, so he is nearing the completion of his 22nd year, thus equaling the term of Mr. Ferrier and running second only to Dr. Benton in length of service.

THE GREAT DISASTER

The Pacific survived the earthquake and fire of 1906. Congregational agencies were housed in the old YMCA building at Mason and Ellis Streets, San Francisco: the American Board, the Home Missionary Society, the Church Building Society, the office of the Sunday School and Publishing Society, and the editorial and business departments of The Pacific. The Pacific was printed near Fourth and Mission. The night before the earthquake the type for the April 19 issue had been set and was locked up ready to go to press. The typesetter was cleaning the linotype machine when the earth began to rock. In a matter of hours the printing plant and the YMCA building with the Congregational offices were destroyed (a fact which accounts for the utter lack of information so often needed, for which there are no files).

Rev. W. W. Ferrier, the editor, lived in Berkeley. He started to cross the Bay but could find no transportation by ferry. From his home the fires raging in the city were clearly visible. Fortunately, he had in his home a list of subscribers that had been made up three months previously. The issue of April 19 never appeared, but on April 26 there was sent to the known subscribers a four-page issue of the paper. That issue and other issues for two years were printed in Berkeley. By August the paper was again back to 16 pages. In 1909 the San Francisco dateline reappeared, but Dr. Ferrier carried on his editorial work very largely from his home in Berkeley until he retired.

FIRST ISSUE

The Pacific made its initial appearance on August 1, 1851, a 4-page paper, each being 17x22 inches, much larger than our current newspapers. It was to be a weekly and was that for many years. It grew out of a meeting of New School Presbyterian and Congregational ministers on May 20, including the Reverends Samuel H. Willey, Joseph A. Benton, T. Dwight Hunt, J. W. Douglas, and W. W. Brier. Messrs. Hunt, Willey, and Benton were chosen to be the editors and the Rev. Mr. Douglas the office editor; but Mr. Douglas was listed as the proprietor, his address being 280 Montgomery Street. The subscription price was announced as $8 per year. The first issue was printed in the basement of a dwelling house, the large printing firms of the city having been destroyed by fire.

At that time there were only 30 Protestant churches in California and not more than 20 ministers. The total membership of these churches was not more than 1,500, of which perhaps 1/6 were in the Congregational New School Presbyterian churches.

In the first issue in an introductory column undoubtedly written by Dr. Benton, following a reciting of the reasons for delay, the sturdy faith of those days was set forth: "To wait longer for an opportunity were a shame. The field is wide open. The need of our influence in this channel is most pressing. If our paper can ever do service it is now. We feel that the religious community demands the prosecution of the enterprise. We are sure they will exert themselves cheerfully in support of the enterprise they demand. We are only their instruments. We are the servants of the public. We are volunteers in the service. We have little to gain, but much to strive for. We are anxious to secure the favor of God, and the approval of good men, and to stir up in ourselves the consciousness of efficient labor, of useful toil. We can promise unwearied diligence and strenuous endeavor. A zealous and hearty cooperation, on the part of the churches and congregations that hold to an Evangelical faith and a Gospel order, will insure to us all the success we anticipate in gaining a wide circulation and a sufficient income. With so much we shall be more than content. We shall be gratified."

It was announced that The Pacific was "Organ of no sect or party—started with no purpose of gain and pledged to the great interests of religion and education. It commends itself to the consideration and support of every citizen of California."

OLDEST ON COAST

Rev. W. W. Ferrier, in the opening article at the beginning of the 50th year of the existence of The Pacific, wrote: "It is the oldest religious paper on the Coast, the oldest paper of any kind in California, and next to the Oregonian the oldest on the Coast." There were secular papers in California that antedated The Pacific, but none had survived. Dr. Ferrier pointed out that the survival of the paper was significant since it emphasized the value of the Church of Christ. He believed that the paper had helped in making Pacific Coast Congregationalism a strong factor that it was in that day. "But," he said, "its best years of service lie before it. The Pacific Coast will ere long be in very truth the front door of the continent. Before the middle of the present century, the Pacific Ocean commerce will build up cities as great as those that now take supremacy on the Atlantic Coast."

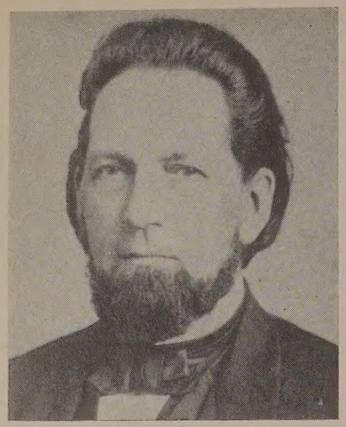
It Happened Before

The summer of 1951 has been regarded as an exceptionally foggy summer, but it is not the first one. The issue of The Pacific of October 8, 1853, in explaining the omission of three prior issues stated, "At length on the 30th of September the fog, which had so long enveloped our coast, cleared up and three ships arrived" bringing an adequate supply of paper and permitting a new issue to come out.

EARLY CALIFORNIA

A list of California post offices appeared in The Pacific of September 1, 1854, which included the following quaint or humorous echoes of those early days:

Aqua Fria, Bidwell's Bar, Charley's Rancho, Don Pedro's Bar, Dry Town, Fiddletown, Foster's Bar, Garrotte, Horsetown, Indian Diggings, Moon's Ranch, Rough 'n Ready, Spanish Flat, Third Crossing, and Yankee Jim's.



Rev. Joseph A. Benton, who organized the Sacramento church in 1849 and became the first professor at Pacific Theological Seminary and who has been called the "father and mother" of Congregationalism in California, was almost the father and mother of The Pacific. He gave the paper its name, chose the motto, and wrote the first article. He was editor off and on for many years. He wrote interesting letters to the paper while on his world tour in 1859 and '60. For a number of years he was in sole charge and then for a period shared the direction of the paper with Rev. George Mooar. In the years he was not editor he wrote almost constantly for it. His gratuitous labor lasted to the time of his death in 1892, over a period of 41 years.

WHO OWNED IT

From its beginning and until October, 1862, The Pacific was the project of a number of interested ministers of the New School Presbyterian and the Congregational fellowships. This was during the period when there was very close interrelation between the two denominations in the East. In California the New School Synod and the Congregational Association met jointly, having brief sessions to transact their separate business. From October, 1862, for one year, it was published under a Board of Trustees appointed by the Synod of the Pacific (Old School Presbyterian), the Synod of Alta California (New School Presbyterian), and the General Association of California (Congregational). At the October, 1863, meeting the Synod of California (Old School) voted to cease all relations with The Pacific. The Synod of Alta California (New School) voted to take it over or let the Congregational Association have it. On Monday, October 12, the General Association, meeting at the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, voted to accept it and elected five trustees.

From then on the Association was responsible for it but did little more than to elect trustees and in general push its interests. In 1882, articles of incorporation were completed under the name, The Publishing Company of the Pacific, with 7 directors and $10,000 in capital stock, of which 550 shares at $10 per share were subscribed. This corporation was responsible for The Pacific until it was taken over by the Northern California Congregational Conference at the end of 1919.

In several issues of each year, there are echoes of the financial difficulties of publishing The Pacific. Only through the loyalty of editors, of interested printers, of ministers in pushing subscriptions, and in the sacrificial labor of many laymen has the paper survived.

HERE AND THERE

Interesting items picked up in a casual leafing of past issues of The Pacific:

In the January 1 issue of 1869 was an announcement of plans for a Chinese school.

In the second issue of The Pacific in 1851, there was a story of a bull fight in Santa Clara.

On June 15, 1887, it was announced that 1,525 students from 26 institutions were offering themselves for foreign misisonary work. In the same issue, announcement was made of preliminary steps for Pomona College.

On November 10, 1892, appeared a resolution of thanks by the Los Angeles Association to Curtis D. Wilbur (still beloved among us) for his offer to give services in training young men for Boys Brigade work.

At two different periods: namely, in the 1890's and in the 1920's, there appeared special Southern California pages.

In 1897 there was a strong appeal for Pomona College, which was engaged in a conditional campaign for $100,000.

On August 7, 1897, plans were announced for the sending of Loyal Lincoln Wirt (still known and beloved among us) to the Klondike by the Sunday School and Publishing Society.

On December 27, 1900, in the last issue of the 19th century there appeared an editorial stating that one of the great events of the century had been the little band of Bible Christians on the Pacific side of the Rockies, kneeling and taking possession of this side of the continent for Christ and His Church. This referred to the early settlers of Oregon.

THE NAME

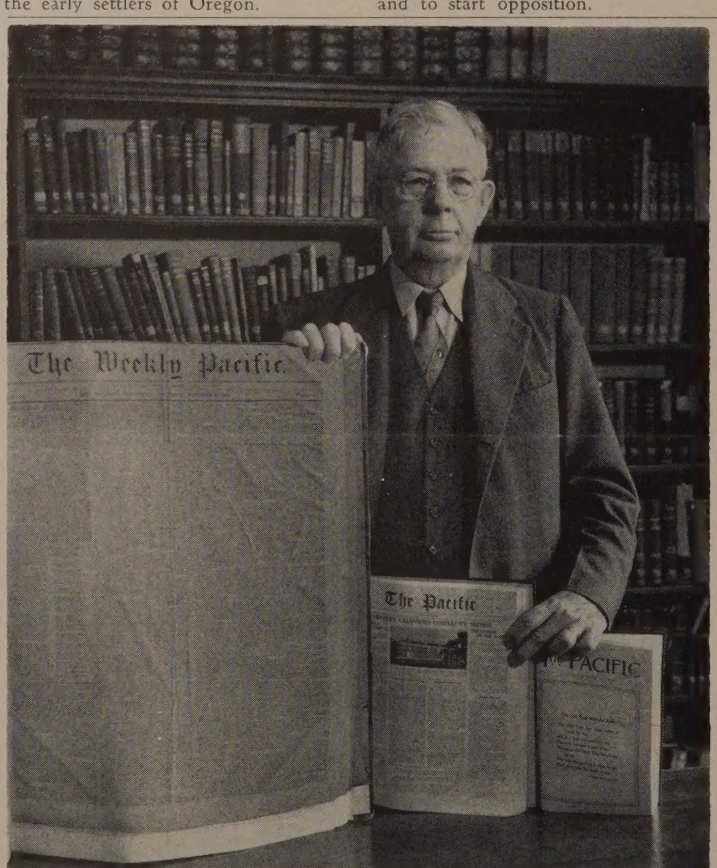
Rev. Joseph A. Benton is credited with having selected the name, The Pacific. After much discusion and the discarding of many other suggestions, the following explanation was given in the first issue:

"Name is short, it is euphonic, it is unappropriated, it is fit, it must be articulated in full or not at all. It suggests beautiful and sublime thoughts. The ocean itself is broad and deep; it is the ever fresh emblem of all that is pure and noble, grand and everlasting, ever changing it is ever the same—and many a treasure it bears afar. Should any think such a name imports something gentle, tame, and spiritless, let him stand and hear the roar of his ocean's beating surf, or ride its billows in a storm, and he will remember the placid bosom of the Pacific as but the slumber of mighty forces."

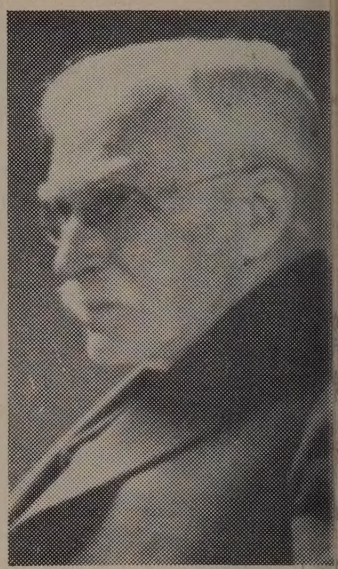
Dr. Benton is also credited with composing the motto that appeared on each issue for 52 years: "First pure, then peaceable—without partiality and without hypocricy."

Saving The Union

During and prior to Civil War days, tension between those who were loyal to the Union and those who wished to separate was very high. It was stated that one of the editors, during the 1850's, in traveling by boat to Monterey, overheard a conversation between a U. S. senator and a governor of the state disclosing a plot to divide the state and secure the admission of the southern section as a slave state. Pacific is credited as having been the first paper to make it known and to start opposition.



The above picture is not for the purpose of showing the physical size of the present editor but the sizes of different issues of The Pacific. To the left is a picture of the largest size page ever printed, 27 by 21 inches, eight columns of solidly set material, printed in 1856. On the extreme left is the smallest size page, 10 by 7 inches or a little less. This prevailed from 1918 to 1924. In the center is the first issue which was the work of the present editor and practically the size in which it now regularly appears.



Rev. William Warren Ferrier w editor of The Pacific from July, 189 to December, 1918, with the exceptio of a period of six months, or a total 22 years. He had been editor an publisher for eight years in Indian He came to California in 1894 an was pastor at Pacific Grove. Th Pacific was in difficulties and he wa prevailed upon to take it, and for time received $30 a month after ren telephone, and press clippings wer paid. During the entire period hi income from the paper averaged abou $750 a year. It must be remembere that The Pacific was a weekly pape of considerable size. At times it ha 32 pages, being reduced to 20 page and later to 16. His labors were pro digious, for he not only was editor bu also business manager and many of th articles came from his own pen. H poured into the paper, besides hi time, a great deal of his own money.

EARLY OMISSIONS

In the early days of the publicatio of The Pacific, it took more than calendar year to complete a volume o 52 isues. Now and then, from short age of paper or change of printer o lack of money, an issue was omitted In the first 7 years of its existence, total of 5 whole months was thu omitted, so that it took 7 years and months to complete 7 volumes. Thi accounts for the fact that for part o the calendar year, we are in the 101s year, but completing the 100th volume

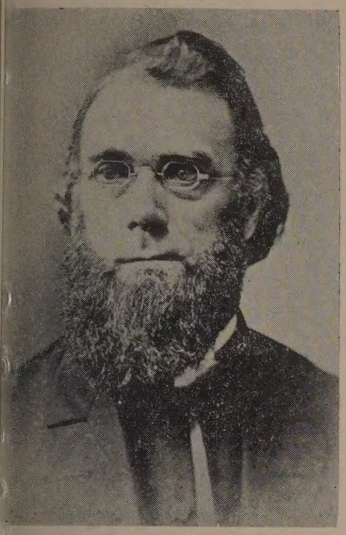
NUMBERING CORRECTED

The printer, the proofreader, th editor, or all three nodded. The Pacifi in the year 1901 started out with Vol ume 50 as it should have done. I would not complete 50 years of exist ence until August 1 of that year an could not complete Volume 50 unti the end of the year.

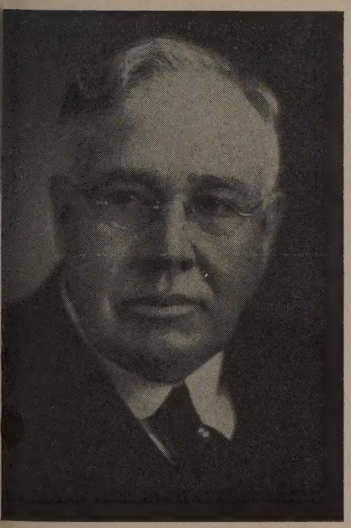
Without any warning before or an comment after (so far as cursory ex amination indicates), the May 23 edi tion of that year carries the line, Vol ume LI, No. 21.

More than that, for more than 5 years the error has been carried for ward. More than once during th months past, the present editor ha wondered how it could be that a pape started August 1, 1851, could be i its 101st year. Now that August 1 1951, has passed, the paper is in th 101st year, but the 100th volume wil not be complete until December 31 1951.

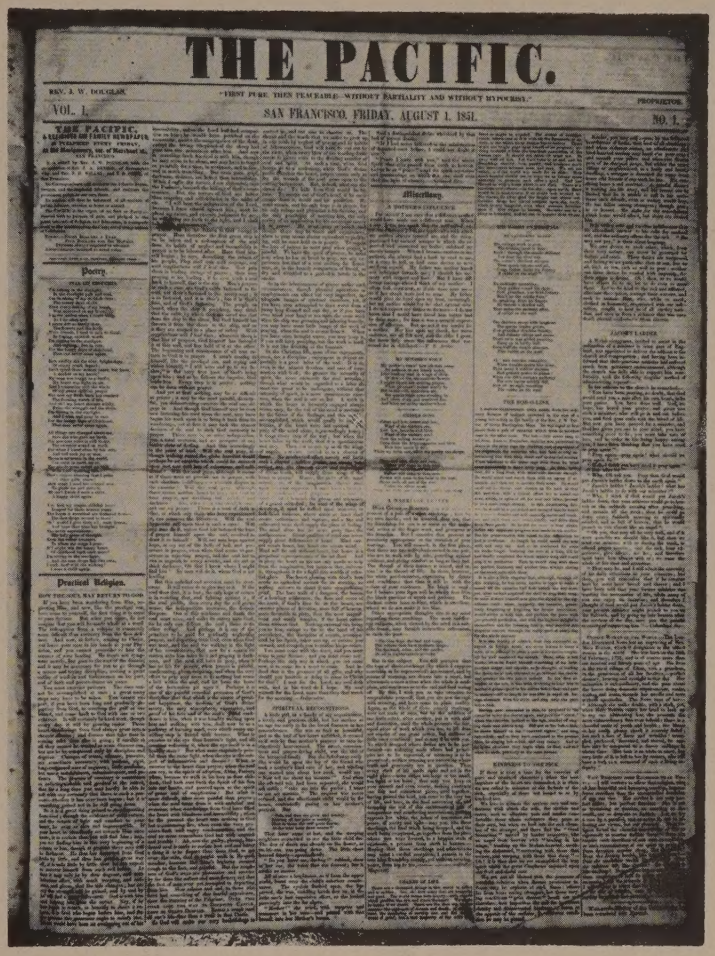
From now on, the numbering lin will be changed to read Vol. 100 101st year.



Rev. Timothy Dwight Hunt, frequent contributor to early issues of The Pacific. A full length sermon of his appeared on page 4 of the first issue. Dr. Hunt was a missionary to the Sandwich Islands and was pastor of a church in Hawaii. Concluding that the rush to California would open opportunities, he came to San Francisco and was pastor of a non-denominational church which later became the First Presbyterian Church, whereupon he led in the organization of a new church in July, 1849, the First Congregational Church, which now stands at Post and Mason Streets, San Francisco.



Rev. William J. Minchin was superintendent of the Northern California Congregational Conference from 1922 through 1929. During his administration The Pacific was turned over to the Conference and in 1924 was changed to approximately its present size. Dr. Minchin became its editor, continuing until the close of his superintendency.



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Reproduction of the historic first issue of The Pacific appearing August 1, 1851. The cost of that one issue was $426.00. No more issues came out until August 29, the proprietor having taken to the road using the first issue as a sample to secure subscriptions. Copy of this number together with a practically complete file of The Pacific can be seen in the Library of the Pacific School of Religion. As the above cut shows clearly, type was small and solidly set. The first page was reprint matter. On the 4th page was a full-length sermon by Rev. T. Dwight Hunt of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco.

WITH YOU ALWAY

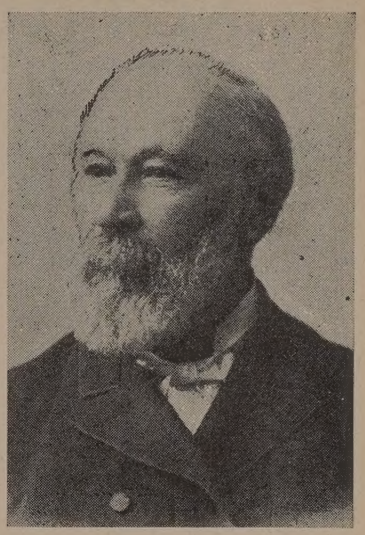
This ray of promise falls on darkened ways,
"Lo, I am with you alway—all the days."
The bright, untroubled, gladsome days of life,
The days of bitterness and care and strife.

The days when peace doth like a river flow,
The days of grief with weary hours slow,
He goes not on far journeys, Christ is near,
He leaves no day without its help and cheer.

As once of old He knew what he would do;
When servants were dismayed and troubled too,
So now with infinite supplies at hand,
He walks with us tho' in a barren land.

Some sweet surprise he doubtless has in store,
Some secret that he never told before.
For this perhaps he leads thro' shaded ways,
And you will understand ere many days.

This poem appears on page one of the first issue of The Pacific after the earthquake, April 26, 1906. It might well have been written by the editor, Rev. W. W. Ferrier, for it was unsigned.



Rev. James Henry Warren came to California in 1850, and organized the church in Nevada City. He was registrar and treasurer of the General Association of California from 1857 to 1896, and was superintendent of Home Missions beginning in 1864 and continuing 27 years. He was a frequent contributor to The Pacific and its editor from 1858 until October, 1862.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

In his farewell editorial in the December, 1919, issue, Editor W. W. Ferrier gave the philosophy by which he had labored:

"Knowing what **The Pacific** had been—what it had stood for, what it had achieved, it came to me in 1897 as a sacred trust. During all the years that I have been connected with it I have known but one thing—**The Pacific.** Gratifyingly, that has not kept me in narrow bounds. Fortunate in many respects is an editor; he has the world as a store-house from which to gather; he lives and works in no circumscribed field or capacity — topics calling for study and presentation covering every department and interest in life. Accordingly, every man who is permitted to give himself to such work unhampered ought to find satisfaction and happiness therein.

"The Living Christ, in the interest of whose Kingdom **The Pacific** was established, told the early-day disciples that the first and greatest commandment was, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, thy whole soul, thy whole mind'; and that the second—like unto the first—was, 'Thou shalt love thy fellow man as much as thyself.' And the Beloved Disciple left to the world in his last days this message: 'He that loveth not his brother man whom he hath seen cannot love God whom he hath not seen.'

"Around that Scripture has centered my conduct of **The Pacific.** Certain leading poets, notably the four great poets of democracy, Whitman and Whittier, Edward Carpenter and Edwin Markham, have influenced my life greatly during these twenty-two years, and both directly and indirectly have aided in making the pages of **The Pacific** what they have been—full of Brotherhood, and carrying always the vision of what the world in the not far distant future is to be."

NOT 100 YEARS AGO, BUT TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—Early in the summer Rev. Joseph D. Redinger of Albany, N. Y., was called to be the associate minister. Mr. Redinger is a graduate of Oberlin College and Union Theological Seminary. He has served churches in Indiana, Ohio, Wyoming, and New York. During the vacation of Rev. William E. McCormack, Mr. Redinger was the preacher. Dr. McCormack presided at the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions at Bricks, N. C., in June.

GUERNEVILLE — Rev. Frank E. Carlson, having served for two years, has resigned and has purchased a home near Saratoga. During the two years he brought about very great improvements in the building and lifted the strength of the church and church school to new levels. The church has called Mr. Ralph Jeffs, who has served as pastor at Tehachapi more than a year and has made an excellent record. He will enroll at Pacific School of Religion, but he and his wife will live at Guerneville.

SURPRISE VALLEY—Miss Grace Sarrafian assisted with vacation schools in both Eagleville and Cedarville and met other speaking engagements and was a leader with young people. Rev. Charles A. McCalmon visits each patient in the new hospital every day. He furnishes a column for the local paper under the caption, "The Country Preacher," which seems to be creating favorable interest in the valley. With the help of the Ladies' Aid Society and other friends, improvements are being made in the parsonage.

RENO, NEVADA — Following a period of some months after the departure of Rev. Arthur L. Rice, this Federated Church called to the pastorate Rev. Walter W. Hanne of the First Presbyterian Church of Alliance, Nebraska. He was in Alliance for nine years and came highly recommended. His work in Reno began on May first. Our Conference was represented at his installation by Moderator Donald F. Gaylord, who preached the sermon.

ALTURAS — Alturas has a new radio station, and the Federated Church is making full use of its facilities to reach the 3,000 square mile parish. Pastor Rowland Dow celebrated his first anniversary in May. The church has increased its membership by 64 and its budget by $5,000 in this year's work. "The Angel Factory" (Vacation Church School) enrolled a record 201.

SANTA ROSA—This church is getting ready for a building fund campaign in October under the leadership of Mr. Curtis R. Schumacher, of the Board of Home Missions of New York. Rev. William E. Welch, pastor, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the Santa Rosa High School.

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. JOHN'S —This church established something of a record. With the building fund money available, every bill of every kind connected with the erection of the building was paid, with a balance of something like $200 left in the treasury. During the vacation of Rev. Horst Jeschke, the pulpit was occupied by an old-time friend of St. John's Church, a Congregational minister and member of our San Francisco First Church, Rev. M. Jay Minkler.

PENNGROVE — Rev. Laude W. Hays, who recently was appointed to serve as chaplain at the Sonoma State Home at Glen Ellen, has resigned at Penngrove and taken up residence in the Kenwood parsonage. He will assist Rev. H. J. Loken in the Kenwood-Glen Ellen field. Mr. Hays is greatly respected in the entire Penngrove community, and many were deeply sorry to see him go. The Penngrove Church has agreed to have a retired Presbyterian minister living in the area supply for the month of September.

BERKELEY, SOUTH — This church, upon coming to self support, is now working toward a goal of making improvements on the building and parsonage, liquidating the parsonage mortgage, and buying the building from the Conference at a price of $13,000. Rev. John Mickle, the pastor, was a resource leader at an institute sponsored by the Division of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches held at the Menucha Conference Grounds near Portland, Oregon.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON — In the early summer this church asked its members for $12,000 to be paid in cash and short-term pledges in order that an addition to the building might be available for church school work. In a most surprising response, this goal has been reached. Arrangements have been made for a loan from a local bank, and plans and specifications are being drawn. Rev. J. Hood Snavely is the pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST — Rev. Gail Cleland was guest preacher on August 19. Rev. David Stowe, associate minister, has been in the pulpit most of the Sundays during the vacation of the pastor, Rev. Vere V. Loper. Dr. and Mrs. Loper were called home from the East by an accident which claimed the life of their little 7½-year-old grandson. While fishing with his father in the Tahoe region, he was struck down by a passing car.

OAKLAND, FIRST — On Youth Sunday, 19 new members were added to the church roll. The church school joined with other churches of the Oakland Council in a vacation school program. During the absence of Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Lynn T. White, of San Anselmo, supplied the pulpit.

SOQUEL—Rev. T. Davis Preston reviewed his 40 years of service as a Christian minister on Sunday, August 12. Dr. Ernest Price, on behalf of the church, read a statement of appreciation and in behalf of the congregation and friends presented the Prestons with a gift of money. The Prestons came to Soquel from Hawaii in 1940, this being the longest pastorate in the history of the Soquel Church. Mr. Preston has served on Conference committees and been active in our fellowship.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED—Rev. James Salmon, who has been pastor at Ocean View, Weaverville, Penngrove, and Cotati, and who was chaplain with the U. S. Army during the last war, is now a member of this church and preached two Sundays during the vacation of Rev. J. Paul Coleman, the pastor. The church has an official visitor devoting much time to parish calling.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO—As another step in the Forward Movement of the church, a new parsonage has been purchased, making a much more attractive home for the minister, Rev. Robert Moon, and releasing the old building for church school purposes. Twenty-seven members were received on the last Sunday of May.

BENICIA — A Vacation Church School, running as high as 90 in attendance, was held during the summer. As one feature of the program, Grades Three to Six visited an Episcopal and a Catholic place of worship and a Jewish Synagogue. Rev. Theodore Gustafson, the pastor, preached one Sunday at the University Church in Seattle, which was his home church.

CROCKETT — Rev. C. George Kuhn has resigned and has accepted a call to Plymouth German Church of Fort Collins, Colorado. He has led the Crockett church in securing a considerable number of new members and in a larger budget. Under the Articles of Federation, the church is now looking to the Presbyterian denomination to nominate his successor.

RIPON—A monthly printed bulletin is being issued, showing that there was no letup of church activities during the summer. Rev. C. W. Kirkpatrick has endeared himself to the whole community. An oldtime member was heard to say, "When I come into church these days I cannot believe my eyes; the change has been so great."

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH — Mr. Edward Wulfekuehler is to be student assistant during the coming year. Rev. Philip G. Murray, pastor, was called to Florida by the death of a relative. The pulpit was occupied by Superintendent Harley H. Gill on September 2 while the minister and his family were on a trip north.

STOCKTON—In cooperation wi two Methodist churches, this churc conducted a vacation school in A gust. Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor, w vacation preacher in the Pilgrim Co gregational Church of Minneapoli one of the truly great churches of th country. Rev. Howard J. Conn, wh is pastor of that church and who gre up in our Fresno church, credits D Breed with persuading him to ent the ministry. Rev. Earnest Lidel associate, is preaching in the Stockto church during Dr. Breed's absence.

PORT CHICAGO — This churc shared with the Lutheran Church in Vacation School, with an enrollme of 64. Mr. Louis Gerhardt, the pa tor, is one of the editors of a com munity paper. He has also served a director of recreation in the town, bu he has given up this job in order t enroll in Pacific School of Religion.

SAN LORENZO—Twenty-one ne members were received during th month of August. There was a larg attendance at the Vacation Churc School. Improvements on propert continue to be made. Rev. Homer A Schwarz and family had a pleasant va cation in Glacier National Park an the Yosemite.

BERKELEY, NORTH — Rev. an Mrs. Williston Wirt spent two Sun days in Santa Cruz and then made a trip to the Northwest, where Dr. Wir was on active duty as a reserve chap lain at McChord Field. During hi absence the pulpit was supplied b Rev. F. W. Leavitt of Nebraska.

SUISUN—On Memorial Day Sun day, a flower service was held, the altar being entirely covered with flora blossoms. The church has made a complete financial canvass and as a result is providing a more adequate budget. Rev. G. A. Larue is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK— This church, jointly with St. Andrew AME Church, held a Vacation Churc School with an enrollment of 65 an an average attendance of 41. Rev Theodore Dunlap, pastor, spent vaca tion on an extended trip East.

ETNA—For 11 years this church has had a Vacation Church School The total enrollment this year wa 118, with 79 in attendance three days or more.

CALIFORNIANS IN COLORADO

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of Boulder, Colorado, and Rev. William W. Meyer exchanged pulpits and parsonages during their vacations. Both report that they are very happy in their work. This autumn they may extend welcome to another Californian, Rev. C. George Kuhn of Crockett, who has accepted a call to the Plymouth German Church of Fort Collins. This makes a total of four Northern Californians to invade the Centennial State during 1951. David L. Evans, now at Longmont, being the first to start the trek from west to east.

DR. JONES GOES TO OREGON

Readers of The Pacific will almost certainly have heard of the election of Dr. William C. Jones of Whittier College as the new superintendent of the Southern Conference, but will regret to learn that on account of the illness of his wife he resigned even before taking office. He goes to the University of Oregon as the Dean of Administration. He was formerly on the faculty of that institution and will again be a strong factor in Oregon Congregationalism. Southern California and the Southwest hope soon to have an announcement to make of a new superintendent.

BABY DEBORAH GASKELL

Baby Deborah was adopted into the home of Rev. and Mrs. Benton Gaskell on May 16 when only a few days old, and has brought sunshine and joy to the family and delight to the members of the San Mateo parish.

ROWLAND HOMER DOW III

Rowland Homer Dow III arrived in Alturas on August third. Of course he had to find residence at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Rowland H. Dow. His coming was not unexpected but his arrival was heartily welcomed. A sister, as well as parents, greeted him.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 9, 10 and 11—Ministers' Retreat at Cazadero.
September 11, 12 and 13—Planning Conference at Cazadero, including meeting of Board of Directors.
September 22 and 23—Laymen's Retreat at Cazadero.
October 2—Bay Association at Niles.
October 3 (?)—Central Association at Lodi, First.
October 4—San Joaquin Association at Fresno (?).
October 7—Santa Clara Association at Skyland.
October 10—Redwood Empire Association at Sonoma.
October 11—Sacramento Valley Association at Oak Park Community Church, Sacramento.
October 12—Upper Bay Association at Mira Vista Church, El Cerrito.

P. F. BANQUET

The Pilgrim Fellowship Presidential Banquet is to be held at the Sacramento Pioneer Church on the evening of September 29. Reservations must be made one week earlier. Housing will be provided if necessary. This has come to be a great event in the life of our state PF.

OCKTON ORDAINS SISTANT PASTOR

n response to a call by the First ngregational Church of Stockton, ecclesiastical council met on Mon-, June 11, to examine Mr. Earnest ell, who had previously been called associate minister. The churches of Central Association, together with three churches of Sacramento and of Berkeley with a number of ividuals, made up the council.

Mr. Lidell, who had been examined eviously by the Conference Com-ttee on Ministerial Standing, pre-ted his paper and was carefully estioned and approved for ordina-n. The evening service had been efully planned by Rev. Noel J. eed and was perfect in its arrange-nts. The invocation was given by v. Verne Robinson of Hayward and e Scripture lesson was read by Rev. mes Montgomery of Fairfax, school-ates of Mr. Lidell. Rev. Vere V. per preached the sermon, Rev. Rob-E. Fitch propounded the ordination ws, and Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop of-red the prayer. The right hand of llowship was extended by Supt. Gill, ev. T. Davis Preston of Soquel gave e charge to the candidate, and Rev. illiam E. McCormack of San Fran-sco the charge to the people. Rev. mos R. Boone of Lodi was the mod-ator and Rev. Fred W. Gross of lk Grove the scribe.

CALAVERAS COUNTY—During e summer the Murphys Church has en served by Rev. W. Edgar Greg-ry, Associate Professor of Psychology the College of the Pacific. Rev. awrence Granger, who gave notice f his resignation in the early summer, ontinued to serve the Angels Camp hurch. Representatives of both hurches held meetings with Rev. alph V. Conard, pastor-at-large of ne Conference; and as a result, the wo churches have voted to become yoked field with the hope of secur-ng a minister who will be able to ead in a vigorous program not only n the two towns, but in surrounding reas. Mr. Conard is serving the field uring the month of September while elping the groups to secure a min-ster. Mr. Granger will continue to ive at Angels Camp and will be full-ime chaplain at the Fricot Boys School, Mrs. Granger assisting him nd doing nursing at the school. Mr. Gregory has purchased a home in Mokelumne Hill but will continue his work at College of the Pacific.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM—Rev. Richard R. Diede of Mobridge, S. D., is to be the new minister of his church beginning September first. Mr. Diede will take some advance work in Pacific School of Religion. He is a graduate of Yankton College and Theological Department. He was a chaplain in the United States Army, seeing combat service. He has served churches in Nebraska and South Dakota and is well recommended by parishioners of his churches and by the two Conference superintendents. During the summer New Pilgrim Church has been served by Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Rev. P. J. Thiel, and Mrs. Mary Gray.

SUNOL—Mr. George Taylor has been caring for this church during an extended vacation of Rev. Robert W. Whitaker. He put into effect the new idea of using a slide projector and pictures, going out with his car and rounding up children to see the pictures and to do craft work and to interest them in the church school. A Vacation Church School was conducted by Mr. Taylor, with the assistance of Miss Barbara Price, Student Summer Service worker.

Are we downhearted? No! The Building Fund Committee of the Hillcrest Church apparently does not view with alarm the campaign which is to begin September 16 for $10,000 to supplement the Church Building Society grant and loan. Not a member of the committee is over 30 years of age. Front row, left to right, Robert L. Carlson, pastor, Mrs. Glen Church, Bruce Copeland, chairman; rear row, left to right, Leon Wyrick and E. H. (Ted) Winslow, formerly state P.F. Chairman.

MIRA VISTA — On Sunday, August 5, the new building was far enough along so that it could be occupied. There is still work to be done, and dedication is set for the week of September 23 to 30, but it seemed better to put up with some inconvenience in meeting place than to reopen services and Sunday School a mile and a half away at the YMCA building. Attendance has been good. A Vacation Church School is in progress as The Pacific goes to press. Those who have seen the new structure have been surprised at its size and beauty. The interest of the neighborhood is on the rise. Rev. Gifford M. Webster, the minister, has been held close to the task and unable to have a vacation, but will soon have a meeting place which will enable the doing of the job for which the church was launched.

ALAMEDA—After several months of active search, Rev. Francis Paul Randall, of Woodbridge, Connecticut, has been called as pastor and will begin not later than November 1. Mr. Randall is a graduate of Tufts College and School of Religion. He took nine months of hospital clinical training and special courses at Bangor, Harvard, and Yale. He has been at Woodbridge for ten years. Mrs. Randall takes an active interest in church life through music, church school, and mothers' groups. They have three children, ages 11, 9, and 6. Mr. Randall visited Alameda, meeting with the committee, during the summer. The call was unanimous and enthusiastic.

LODI, FIRST—Rev. A. R. Boone, who has been pastor at Lodi about 14 years, has resigned to accept a call to the Clarksburg Community Church to take effect on August 31, the month of August being his vacation. The resignation was accepted with many expressions of appreciation of Dr. Boone's pastorate and of regrets for his leaving. During the 14 years the budget for current expense had gone up from $5,000 to $12,000, and the missionary giving has been more than trebled. The average congregation has increased by 50, and the Sunday School attendance has shown a slight gain. A total of 375 members have been received during the period.

SANTA CRUZ—Rev. Ed Cunningham spent one month on active duty as a reserve chaplain and one month on vacation. The church now has a staff of workers including a secretary, director of music, organist, custodian, and the latest one to be secured, a director of youth work. Rev. Williston Wirt, of Berkeley North Church, and Rev. G. Ruegg, of Santa Barbara, served as supply ministers.

LET THE DIRT FLY

The contract is signed for another new church. Hillcrest Congregational Church in the Pleasant Hill area secured a grant and loan from the Building Society, bids have been called for, and the contract let, the cost being about $46,000. Ground breaking exercises were held on Sunday afternoon, September 2. The contractor's equipment is on the job and dirt has begun to fly. There has been some little difficulty in securing steel, but that has been remedied. The site is far and away the finest in the entire area. There are many more people within walking distance than the church can possibly house, but at least a beginning is made toward what will one day be a great institution. Rev. Robert L. Carlson, the pastor, exchanged pulpits with his father, Rev. Frank E. Carlson, at Guerneville, during vacation.

OROVILLE — Rev. Charles M. Spencer has been called as pastor of this church and is at work. Mr. Spencer was one of the young men who decided for the ministry while serving as an officer in the United States Army during the last World War. In Hawaii he was acquainted with Rev. Corwin Olds, now of Campbell, who gave him great encouragement. On his separation from the Army he enrolled in Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, graduating in 1950. While there he served the Richfield Federated Church of West Richfield, Ohio. In the fall of 1950 he entered New College, Edinburgh, Scotland, returning in the early summer, visiting California the latter part of June. The Oroville church called him quite promptly and are looking forward to a pastorate of great promise.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE—Rev. Bing Yee Leong, who has been pastor of this church for a total of about thirty-one years, has resigned. This thirty-one years include two pastorates, with an interval of a few years in Chicago. His last pastorate in the San Francisco church has covered 24 years, which is longer than that of any other man now at work in our Conference. He will continue until his successor is appointed and at work. Mr. Leong has been principal of the Hip Wo School since 1930 and expects to serve in that position for at least one more year. The remodeling of the church building has been completed and the financing well in hand. He has been an outstanding leader in the Chinese community in San Francisco and with influence reaching far out into the state.

PARADISE—Rev. Robert M. Kennan has closed his work and gone to Yakima, Washington, where he is to be pastor of that very important church in our sister Conference to the north. Mr. Kennan came to Paradise about four years ago from Hawaii and has had an exceedingly successful pastorate. The church has grown in membership and attendance. He established himself as an outstanding preacher and a tireless pastor. He was active in Conference committee work, being chairman of the Committee on Church Development. He will be missed in our fellowship, but Washington will greatly profit by his work in that area.

TRINITY COUNTY — Rev. and Mrs. Walter Girdner have been received with great enthusiasm in Weaverville and throughout the county. A new Sunday School has been started at Big Bar; another will be under way at Minersville. Attendance at the Weaverville Church is way beyond that of recent years. Eight new members were received on July 22.

ORINDA—This church will dedicate the new units, which have been in process of construction for some months, on Sunday, September 23. Supt. Harley H. Gill is to preach the dedicatory sermon. This will give the Orinda Church a cluster of buildings on the hillside which will more nearly meet the religious needs of the area. Orinda has a way of outgrowing any building that is erected before it is finished. It is freely predicted that not many months will elapse before it will be necessary again to enlarge. Rev. Godfrey Matthews was the summer preacher while the minister, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, was on vacation.

FRESNO, FIRST — Another step forward in its amazing progress has been taken by this church in the calling of Rev. Benjamin T. Schwab as associate minister. Mr. Schwab came from New Hampton, Iowa, arriving the middle of July. Miss Louise H. Wrisley continues as minister of education, and Mrs. W. Hampton Sawyers, as church secretary. Besides purchasing a new parsonage and erecting a $50,000 unit including a children's chapel, the church has $30,000 on hand for the main social hall, with approximately $50,000 still to come in. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

LA SELVA BEACH — This new church has made the down payment on a property which will one day house a sanctuary. A canvass in the community secured pledges for a sum not far from the entire cost. For the present the Building Fellowship Fund of the Santa Clara Association and the Centennial Fund of the Conference have brought assistance in the form of loans. Mr. William McReynolds, the pastor, has been on the job all summer holding Vacation Church School and working with a group of young people earning money for Cazadero expense.

MODESTO—Rev. Frank B. Loper, who took up his work on May first, has put in an exceedingly busy summer. Besides conducting services regularly to a growing congregation, plans have been laid for the Church School this fall, and a very successful Vacation Church School was conducted with attendance of about forty. Mr. Loper has been emphasizing personal acquaintanceship by a very active program of house to house visitation. He has led his church in the setting up of a recreation area, provisions being made for all ages.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN—The parsonage has been rehabilitated with the help of the funds contributed by sister churches at the time of the flood. The finishing of the sanctuary is well on its way, and rapid progress is being made in actual construction of the new Church School unit. The membership of the school is 500 and of the church about 270. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester reported at the annual meeting of the church that they had made nearly 1600 calls during the previous year.

SAN MATEO—The new educational building is ahead of schedule. Those who have seen it regard it as a marvel of beauty and utility. Rev. Benton Gaskell, who is chairman of the Conference Committee for Our Christian World Mission, has been made chairman of the national committee. Rev. Terence Stoker is assistant pastor.

PETALUMA—During the first five months of the current year, church attendance showed an increase of 21% over the same period of a year ago. The Gans family had one week in Yosemite Valley where Mr. Gans served as pastor for the week.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next meeting of the Federation will be held in the First Congregational Church, San Francisco (not Oakland), on Sunday (not Thursday), September 23, 1951, from 3:00 p. m. to 7:30, with a buffet supper for $1. This has been planned so that delegations from Evening Groups may attend as well as all those who regularly come to the monthly meetings.

M. E. M.

Three delegates, Mrs. James Cooper, Mrs. Henry Sax, and Mrs. Gail Cleland, represented the Federation at the Missionary Education Movement (M.E.M.) Conference at Asilomar, August 3 to 8, 1951. This was the 38th Annual M.E.M. Conference, and there were 396 registered from nine states. Of the 10 denominations represented, the Congregationalists had the third largest delegation with 46, of whom 39 were from Northern California. Among the Southern Californians were Rev. and Mrs. Glenn A. Rowles. Mr. Rowles has been the Acting Superintendent of the Southern California Conference. Our delegates planned and executed the August 16 meeting of the Federation, bringing highlights and program suggestions from Asilomar.

AUGUST MEETING

Mrs. W. Bayard Buckham, president, sent her lovely greeting from Yosemite through Mrs. Gail Cleland, vice-president, who presided at this first fall meeting at the First Church, Oakland.

Routine business was cared for by the Executive Committee preceding the regular meeting. This included reports of officers and secretaries and committee chairmen. The Nominating Committee presented two resignations which were accepted, and Mrs. Charles McTaggart of Martinez was chosen to be the Upper Bay Association president. The office of secretary of the Evening Groups is still to be filled.

THANK OFFERING

Mrs. J. H. McCartney, Thank Offering Secretary, recommended the choosing of the Hip Wo School in San Francisco's Chinatown to be one of the Thank Offering projects for this year. It was voted that the necessary amount go from our gifts to the Conference to meet its obligations to the Hip Wo School. Two other denominations, Methodists and Presbyterians, cooperate to make it possible for Chinese children from first through the twelfth grades to go to this school from four in the afternoon till seven, five days a week, eleven months of the year, to learn Chinese culture, history, language, and art under Christian supervision. In 1949 when the Conference met in San Francisco, the children from the Hip Wo School made a very fine contribution to the program coming as they did with their happy faces and colorful dress and singing songs and hymns. Mrs. McCartney suggested that everyone, and especially the Thank Offering chairmen, watch The Pacific this year and next spring for information regarding all of the projects. The others in which we are interested are the churches at Cedarville, Sierra Arden, and Ocean View, which is now to be known as the Pilgrim Congregational Community Church.

Mrs. Cleland introduced Mrs. E. W. Newell, Mrs. Chester Marliave, Mrs. James Cooper, and Mrs. Henry Sax, each of whom told of some particular phase of the Conference which appealed to her. All of these were presented in a way that could be used in building programs for local women's groups, using the study themes which are "Latin America" and "Churches for Our Country's Needs."

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

A table covered with articles from "South of the Border" and a Mexican basketful of other articles and books displayed by Mrs. Sax gave color and atmosphere and a display of enlarged book covers further called attention to the study books.

STUDY BOOKS

Two dramatic presentations were made; and the worship service was given by Mrs. Newell, Miss Ina Hamman, with Miss Mary Seeley at the piano and Mrs. Parry, song leader. All of these can be found in the books and pamphlets available from the Literature Secretary, Mrs. Henry Sax, 1351 Gregory Avenue, Martinez, California. Here is a brief list of books for reading and to help make programs: "We Americans: North and South" by Howard ($1.25 plus tax) and "He Wears Orchids" edited by Elizabeth Lee ($1.25 plus tax). This book contains stories, some of which can be dramatized including the one "Money Under His Pillow" given by Mrs. David Blair during the luncheon hour.

Don't overlook the "Guide for Adults on Latin America" (50¢)—On page 26 will be found the worship service mentioned above—"Mission to America" by Truman Douglass ($1.25 plus tax); "Now! Everybody Needs a Church" (35¢); and "Guide for Adults on Churches for Our Country's Needs" (50¢). "Wake Up or Blow Up" by Dr. Frank Laubach was recommended by Mrs. Charles Ward, Social Action Secretary.

DR. CLELAND SPEAKS

Mrs. R. A. Fuller introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Rev. Gail Cleland, who was on the faculty at Asilomar. His course there was on the theme, "Christianity in Far Eastern Tensions." In a short hour he gave a resume of his course, speaking of the reconstruction in Japan under the extraordinary leadership of General Douglas MacArthur contrasted with the reconstruction of Korea after the

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division at the 38th parallel. No contrast could be greater. He spoke of the national independence of India, with Nehru speaking for India, articulate for the first time in history. Tensions there are caused by the clashes between new and old ideas. Last but not least, he spoke of the revolution in China which has been going on for more than two generations. He said the Christian Church is depending on the fundamental truth the missionaries have taken to China, upon the Bible they have left the Chinese, and upon the Christian Chinese themselves. We can still rely on the Will of God entering into the picture as it did after the Boxer Rebellion. Joseph in Egypt said to his brothers, "Ye meant it for evil, but God turned it for good." So it may be in China today and in the future.

The women of the Redwood City Church have invited the Federation to hold its fall meeting in their church. The invitation was accepted; and it will be Thursday, October 18, 1951. We had a wonderful time last year at Lodi, and we are looking forward to another fine day in Redwood City next month!

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER—The stream of new members continues, nine coming in during June. Vacation Church School was held in August. The ministers are Rev. Torrence Phelps and Rev. Orval S. Clay.

BERKELEY, CHINESE — The High School group in connection with this church has more than 50% of all Chinese students in Berkeley High School. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is pastor of the church.

MARTINEZ — Rev. Donald Gaylord, the pastor, served on the faculties of two Pilgrim Fellowship camps at Cazadero. Building improvements in the church went forward during the summer.

NEW P. F. OFFICERS

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COUNCIL OF MISSIONS INSTITUTES

The Interdenominational Council of Missions will hold institutes this fall. Mrs. Cleland and Mrs. R. C. Claiborne of the Federation are assisting in the series this fall. The theme to be used is: "THE WORLD IS IN GOD'S HANDS." Here are the places and dates:

Oakland—Tuesday, September 18, First Presbyterian Church.
San Francisco—Wednesday, September 19, 21st Avenue Baptist Church.
Santa Rosa—Thursday, September 20, Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
Richmond—Thursday, September 27, First Christian Church.
Modesto—Tuesday, October 2.
Sacramento—Friday, October 5, Central Methodist Church.
Redwood City—Tuesday, October 9, First Congregational Church.
Chico—Friday, October 12, First Baptist Church.

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